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Second woman claims billionaire perv Jeffrey Epstein 'directed' her to have sex with Alan Dershowitz



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Alan Dershowitz (pictured) denies allegations of a second alleged trafficking victim of Jeffrey Epstein. (John Lamparski / Getty Images for Hulu)

A second alleged trafficking victim of Jeffrey Epstein says the billionaire pedophile "directed" her to have sex with Alan Dershowitz — a claim the prominent attorney adamantly denies.

The revelation regarding Sarah Ransome's allegations against the 80-year-old lawyer who represented the notorious sex offender is included in a public transcript available in Manhattan Federal Court.

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Ransome has sued Epstein and his alleged madam, Ghislaine Maxwell, saying they trafficked her for sex from 2006 to 2007, while she was in her 20s.

During a Nov. 7 hearing on Ransome's case, Maxwell's attorney Laura Menninger mentioned the explosive allegation against Dershowitz.



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"(Ransome) has alleged not only that my client ran a sex trafficking organization but she claims also that she was directed by my client and the Epstein defendants to have sex with third parties, including Alan Dershowitz, for example," Menninger said.

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Ransome alleges in her suit that even as Epstein used an army of powerful attorneys — including Dershowitz — to fight a sex trafficking investigation in Florida, he continued "transporting young females" in New York.

Dershowitz furiously denied he'd ever met Ransome, who now lives in Barcelona, and said that "none of this happened." He slammed her as mentally unstable and said she'd bizarrely claimed to be in possession of a video of President Trump engaging in pedophilia and sex tapes of both Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Ransome is unwell and being manipulated by her high-powered attorney David Boies, Dershowitz said.

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Dershowitz, a noted Harvard Law professor, said Boies is furious about bar charges Dershowitz filed against him. Details of the charges were unavailable and neither side would go into detail. Dershowitz added that he eagerly awaited an opportunity to sue Ransome for defamation.



"Alan Dershowitz's absurd attacks on me are consistent with his pattern of attacking every lawyer who has represented women who have accused him of sexual abuse," Boies said.

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"This is simply a pattern where he thinks if he is loud enough and crazy enough it will distract attention from what he's done."

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lives in Australia.

Roberts alleged that Maxwell recruited her for Epstein in 1998, when she was 15 years old and working a summer job at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. Roberts sued Maxwell for defamation, claiming the media heiress smeared her by denying the disturbing sex scheme.

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They <u>settled</u> the case last year. Dershowitz is now seeking to have documents in the case, which he says would clear his name, unsealed.

The Epstein case has received new scrutiny following a <u>Miami Herald</u> investigation that revived questions about the legal slap on the wrist the billionaire received from then-Southern Florida U.S. Attorney Alex Acosta.

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In a new letter filed in Manhattan Federal Court, Dershowitz's attorney writes that the law professor has been the victim of "selective leaking" intended to smear his good name.

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"Once again, Mr. Dershowitz – who has conscientiously and expeditiously pressed, through the judicial process, for disclosure of all documents in the case – has been the victim of one-sided and selective leaking of materials," attorney Andrew Celli wrote.

Dershowitz – who recently lamented he'd become persona non grata on Martha's Vineyard for his support of Trump – says that Roberts is the likely leaker.

She alleged in 2014 that Epstein "trafficked" her to Dershowitz and Prince Andrew for sex – a claim that has since been stricken from the record.

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"The allegation is utterly false and defamatory: Mr. Dershowitz has never even *met* Ms. Roberts . . . records prove that Mr. Dershowitz *could not have* abused Ms. Roberts because he was not present in the places where she claims such abuse occurred," Celli wrote.

Prince Andrew also denied the allegation. Roberts settled her claims against Epstein in 2015.

The Herald's investigation highlighted the unusually cozy relationship between Epstein's legal team and Acosta, who gave the sex offender a generous plea deal. Epstein only served 13 months in a private wing of the Palm Beach County jail despite ample evidence he'd orchestrated an international sex trafficking operation, the Herald reported.

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Jeffrey Epstein (second from left) in custody in Florida in 2008 (Uma Sanghvi / AP)

Epstein, a hedge fund manager with a mansion on the Upper East Side and a private Caribbean island, was once friends with the likes of Bill Clinton, Kevin Spacey and Woody Allen, among other celebs and business titans.

"I've known Jeff for 15 years. Terrific

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said of Epstein in 2002.

The new scrutiny of the Epstein case prompted Dershowitz to tell Axios that the billionaire had once let him and his family stay at his Palm Beach home.

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"He lent us his house once. And I was there, my grandchildren were there, my daughter was there, and we all got massages," Dershowitz told the site.

"It was therapeutic. I had a therapeutic massage with an old old Russian. . . . Believe me, if I had known that anything improper had ever taken place in that house, I never would have allowed my children, my grandchildren, my wife, my daughter-in-law, my son, to have spent time there."



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